

## Message Text

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R 220330Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY KABUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 686  
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 9309

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AV, PK, AF  
SUBJ: TALKS ON PAK-AFGHAN AIR SERVICE

1. PAKISTANEMBASSY MINISTER COUNSELOR TANVIR AHMAD KNAH  
TOLD EMBOFFS DECEMBER 20 THAT AFGHAN-PAK TALKS ON  
RESUMING AIR SERVICE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ARE  
GOING FORWARD. HE SAID THAT AFGHAN AIRLINES  
(ARIANA) COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR GRAN AND ARIANA  
ASST MANAGER OF SALES DEPT AZIZ HAMID WOULD BE  
IN ISLAMABAD DECEMBER 22 FOR FURTHER DETAILED  
TALKS WITH PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES (PIA) OFFICIALS.

2. TANVIR ADMITTED PIA IS RESISTING GOING FORWARD  
ON THESE TALKS OUT OF FEAR THAT ARIANA WILL DRAIN  
SOME HALF MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR AWAY FROM PIA'S  
FLIGHTS TO EUROPE. AVIATION MATTER HAS HOWEVER  
BECOME POLITICAL ISSUE AS WELL FOR PAKISTANIS,  
WITH PAKISTAN MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAKING  
REPRESENTATIONS UP TO PRIME MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN  
HOPES THAT AIR AGREEMENT WILL FURTHER PAK-  
AFGHAN RAPPROCHEMENT. TANVIR SAID THAT IF  
ARIANA POSITION "AT ALL REASONABLE" A DEAL CAN BE MADE.

3. EMBASSY FIRST LEARNED OF PAK-AFGHAN AVIATION  
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TALKS NOVEMBER 23 WHEN AMBASSADOR CALLED ON PRESIDENT OF  
AFGHAN AIR AUTHORITY AND WAS TOLD AFGHANS EXPECTED FIRST  
CONVERSATIONS TO START WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.  
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